

In the Claims:

1. (Currently amended) A method of populating a merchandising product database at a first network location, comprising:

obtaining merchandising data related to a product from a presentation device at a second network location, the obtaining step comprising acquiring selected product information from at least at the presentation device, wherein the selected product information includes data that is transmitted to the presentation device from a server at a third network location in response to a user request for a Web-page, wherein the Web-page comprises embedded executable code that, when executed, is configured to cause said presentation device to transmit said data to said first network location, and wherein rendering of the Web-page by the presentation device causes execution of the embedded executable code such that the presentation device [[to]] transmits the data to the first network location upon rendering of the Web-page; and

storing at least part of the obtained merchandising data in the merchandising product database at the first network location, said storing comprising collecting the selected product information in the merchandising product database.

2. (Canceled)

3. (Previously presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the selected product information comprises data about the product rendered at the presentation device at the second network location.

4. (Previously presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the merchandising product database does not have information related to the product prior to the storing step.

5. – 7. (Canceled)

8. (Currently amended) A merchandising database system at a first network location, comprising:

an interface configured to be coupled to a network and to obtain selected product data related to a product presented at a second network location on a Web-page served by a server at a third network location, wherein the selected product data includes data that is transmitted to the second network location from the server at the third network location in response to a user request for the Web-page, wherein the Web-page comprises embedded executable code that, when executed, is configured to cause a device at the second network location to transmit said data to said first network location, and wherein rendering of the Web-page at the second network location causes execution of the embedded executable code such that the data ~~to be~~ is transmitted from the second network location to the interface upon rendering of the Web-page; and

a storage device configured to store at least part of the selected product data at the first network location.

9. (Previously presented) The system of claim 8, wherein the interface is configured to obtain the selected product data directly from a presentation device on which the Web-page is presented at the second network location.

10. – 19. (Canceled)

20. (Currently amended) A physical computer-readable storage medium having stored thereon a computer program product for use in conjunction with a computer device for populating a merchandising product database at a first network location, comprising:

first computer program codes to cause the computer device to obtain selected product information related to a product presented on a Web-page rendered on a presentation device at a second network location, wherein the Web-page is served by a server at a third network location, wherein the selected product information includes data that is obtained by the presentation device from the server in response to a user request for the Web-page, wherein the Web-page comprises embedded executable code that, when executed, is configured to cause said presentation device to transmit said data to said first network location, and wherein rendering of the Web-page causes execution of the embedded executable code such that the presentation device [[to]] transmits the data to the computer device upon rendering of the Web-page; and

second computer program codes to cause the computer device to store at least part of the selected product information in the merchandising product database at the first network location, the second computer program codes further comprising computer program codes for modifying the merchandising product database to include the selected product information.

21. (Previously presented) The computer program product of claim 20, wherein the first computer program codes comprise computer program codes to cause the computer device to obtain the selected product information directly from the presentation device at the second network location on which the product is presented.

22. – 25. (Canceled)

26. (Currently amended) A method of populating a merchandising product database located at a first network location, comprising:

rendering in response to user interaction with an interactive catalog, at least a portion of the interactive catalog at a second network location, wherein content of the rendered portion includes selected data related to one or more products displayed by the rendered portion of the interactive catalog, and wherein the content is obtained by the second network location from one or more source product databases at a third network location in response to the user interaction with the interactive catalog;

wherein the interactive catalog comprises embedded executable code that, when executed, is configured to cause said presentation device to transmit said selected data related to the products to said first network location, and wherein said rendering of the portion of the interactive catalog causes execution of the embedded executable code such that a device at the second network location to communicate the selected data related to the products from the second network location to the merchandising product database at the first network location such that, upon rendering of the portion of the interactive catalog, the selected data is communicated from the source product databases to the merchandising product database by way of the second network location without requiring a direct data transfer between the source product databases at the third network location and the merchandising product database at the first network location; and

modifying the merchandising product databases using the selected data such that the databases include a representation of the selected data.

27. (Previously presented) The method of claim 26, wherein information from the source product databases is communicated to the merchandising product database through the interactive catalog.

28. (Previously presented) The method of claim 26, wherein the selected data comprises parameters embedded within the rendered portion of the interactive catalog.

29. (Previously presented) The method of claim 26, wherein the selected data comprises a product identification.

30. (Previously presented) The method of claim 26, wherein the selected data comprises a product description.

31. (Previously presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the selected product information comprises portions of the Web-page specified by the third network location for storage at the merchandising database at the first network location.

32. (Previously presented) The system of claim 8, wherein the selected product data comprises portions of the Web-page specified by the server at the third network location to be stored in the storage device at the first network location.

33. (Previously presented) The computer program product of claim 20, wherein the selected product information comprises portions of the Web-page specified by the server at the third network location to be obtained by the first computer program codes and stored by the second computer program codes.

34. (Currently amended) A method of populating a merchandising product database at a first network location, comprising:

at said first network location, obtaining merchandising data related to a product, wherein said product is presented at a presentation device, wherein said presentation device is located at a second network location, wherein said obtaining comprises receiving product data transmitted by said presentation device, wherein said product data is embedded in a Web-page

transmitted to said presentation device from a third network location, [[and]] wherein said ~~medium~~ Web-page is transmitted to said presentation device from said third network location in response to a user request from said presentation device, wherein said Web-page comprises embedded executable code that, when executed, is configured to cause said presentation device to transmit said product data to said first network location, and wherein rendering of said Web-page causes execution of the embedded executable code such that said presentation device [[to]] transmits said product data to said first network location upon rendering of said Web-page; and

storing at least in part a representation of said product data in said merchandising product database at said first network location.

35. (Previously presented) The method of claim 34, wherein said presentation medium comprises device executable code that causes said presentation device to automatically transmit said product data to said first network location upon rendering of said Web-page on said presentation device.

36. (Canceled)

37. (Previously presented) The method of claim 34, wherein said product data comprises a product Identification.

38. (Previously presented) The method of claim 34, wherein said product data comprises a product description.

39. (Previously presented) The method of claim 34, wherein said product data comprises parameters specified by said third network location for storage at said merchandising product database at said first network location.

40. (Previously presented) The method of claim 39, wherein said storing step comprises storing said parameters in said merchandising product database contemporaneously with said rendering of said Web-page.

41. (Previously presented) The method of claim 39, wherein said parameters comprise at least one of a Uniform Resource Locator (URL) of the Web-page and a URL of an image of the product.

42. (Previously presented) The method of claim 34, further comprising determining a number of times the Web-page has been rendered.

43. (Previously presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the selected product information comprises at least one of a Uniform Resource Locator (URL) of the Web-page and a URL of an image of the product.

44. (Previously presented) The method of claim 1, further comprising determining a number of times the Web-page has been rendered.

45. (Previously presented) The system of claim 8, wherein the selected product data comprises at least one of a Uniform Resource Locator (URL) of the Web-page and a URL of an image of the product.

46. (Previously presented) The system of claim 8, further comprising a logger for determining a number of times the Web-page has been rendered.

47. (Previously presented) The computer program product of claim 20, wherein the selected product data comprises at least one of a Uniform Resource Locator (URL) of the Webpage and a URL of an image of the product.

48. (Previously presented) The computer program product of claim 20, further comprising computer program codes to cause the computer device to determine a number of times the Web-page has been rendered.

49. (Previously presented) The method of claim 28, wherein said parameters comprise an address of an image of the one or more products.

50. (Previously presented) The method of claim 26, further comprising determining a number of times the one or more products have been viewed.